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SHEN YUN 2018
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We now invite you to witness this ancient legend come to life.
Civilization and Wisdom
—GIFTS FROM HEAVEN

In ancient times, China was known as the Land of the Divine. People believed that their civilization was a sacred gift from the heavens. Each dynasty brought with it the unique culture, customs, and dress of different divine realms. Five millennia of history
and culture formed a great civilization, and it was full of wisdom—people lived in harmony with nature and the universe, and saw a connection among all things. They treasured virtue, loyalty and integrity, and treated each other with goodness and reverence. Compassion and happiness permeated the Earth. It was a world of sages and immortals, emperors and heroes, magic and miracles—until it was lost...

"The ancient Chinese wisdom will not only benefit the Chinese people, but also the whole world."

—Ted Kavanau, founding senior producer of CNN headline news
Art Connects Heaven & Earth

True art gets inspiration from above. It nourishes the soul, it inspires and uplifts us. Art carries the very DNA of a civilization, and can bring the brilliance and wisdom of a lost culture back to life. Shen Yun takes this as its mission—to revive the very best of China’s 5,000 years of civilization through art.

This is a monumental undertaking. To make this possible, we have pushed the boundaries of performing arts. We combine ancient legends with technological innovations, and historically authentic costumes with breathtaking animated backdrops. We let classical Chinese dance do the storytelling, and share with you beautifully diverse ethnic and folk traditions. Filled with an enchanting orchestral sound, this is a mesmerizing experience you won’t find anywhere else.

Let Shen Yun take you on an unforgettable journey ...

"★★★★★
I have reviewed about 4,000 shows since 1942, none can compare to what I saw tonight."

—Richard Connema, renowned Broadway critic
SHEN YUN
means
"the beauty of heavenly beings dancing"
Innovation - Live on Stage
"The power of the archetypes and the narratives were startling. It was an extraordinary experience."

— Cate Blanchett, Academy Award-winning actress
Legends. Heroes. & Miracles.

Everyone likes a great story, and Chinese culture has 5,000 years full of them. Historic epics, timeless literary classics, and mystical folklore make up this world of deities and magic. Each Shen Yun performance includes short dance stories of heroes who battle demons, fly up to the heavens, and visit deep-sea palaces. Packed with action, courage, and humor, these tales embody the wisdom and virtues of ancient China.

"Absolutely THE NO.1 SHOW in the world. No other company or any style can match this!"

—Kenn Wells, former lead dancer of the English National Ballet
Let Shen Yun whisk you away to the top of the Himalayas for a sacred celebration, or to the vast grasslands to ride alongside Mongolian horsemen. You will discover how diverse Chinese culture actually is, with dozens of different ethnic groups and regional folk traditions, each with its own distinct costume and style of dance. You will be amazed by the colorful and vivid beauty.
“Lavish production, brilliant choreography, extravagantly beautiful.”

—Broadway World

“This is the highest and the best of what humans can produce.”

—Oleva Brown-Klahn, singer and musician
Music that Runs Millennia Deep

When the Yellow Emperor of antiquity fought a terrible monster, he used resounding battle drums to defeat the beast. Two thousand years later, the great sage Confucius said that music could help govern a country. And ancient Chinese doctors believed music even had the power to heal.

"A new realm of music."
—Robert-Hisland Hiestand, Director of the Geneva Higher Institute of Music, Switzerland

Music is such a big part of every Shen Yun performance—from the live orchestra that accompanies each dance to the vocal and instrumental solos on stage. Shen Yun's orchestra is incredibly unique, harmoniously blending the grandeur of a Western orchestra with the distinct beauty of ancient Chinese instruments. The result is a gorgeous and vivid sound with great emotional range—perfect for bringing to life the soul of an ancient civilization.

"The music is powerful, beautiful, it grabs you, you rise with it, it's really fabulous."
—Dominique Föllmi, founder of L'Orchestre International de Geneve

Orchestra
Shen Yun's unique East-West orchestra accompanies every performance.
The Healing Power of Harmony

The ancients understood that music has the power to heal. In fact, the Chinese word for medicine comes from the word for music. People believed that elegant, virtuous music has a pure energy that harmonizes the body, mind, and soul. This ancient tradition is alive today in the music of Shen Yun.

Erhu Solo

It is said that the erhu is the instrument that most closely resembles the human voice. It has only two strings, but in the hands of a virtuoso it can fill the air with tenderness, sorrow, or joy—holding the audience spellbound.

Preserving a Lost Vocal Art

Shen Yun’s award-winning singers are uniquely trained in the most traditional form of bel canto. Once prominent in both China and Europe, the method they use is thought to produce the purest and most beautiful sound. Today Shen Yun brings this lost technique to the modern stage.
“Awe-Inspiring Sensation!”

“I was uplifted, I was filled with hope... The world is a better place because of Shen Yun.”

—Richard Swett, former U.S. Congressman

“Poetry in motion... Priceless.”
“It is food for my heart and soul... it was something that I will keep in my heart.”

—Siegfried & Roy, magicians and entertainers

“A mesmerizing performance! Reclaiming the divinely inspired cultural heritage of China.”

—Donna Karan, creator of DKNY

“Exciting to watch and really inspirational!”

—Stewart F. Lane, six-time Tony Award-winning producer

“There is a massive power in this that can embrace the world. It brings great hope... It is truly a touch of heaven.”

—Daniel Herman, Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic

“Epic! One of the greatest performances ever existing on the planet. I will remember it for the rest of my life.”

—Arion Jay Goodwin, Veteran Music Producer

“Everything was larger than life. It’s one of the happiest evenings of my life. All my cares just disappeared, and I became one hundred percent positive thinking.”

—Nancy Brock, former actress, associate producer

“So inspiring. I think I may have found some new ideas for the next AVATAR movie.”

—Robert Stromberg, Academy-Award winning production designer for Avatar

“Really out of this world! There is no word to describe it... If I had to, the words might be ‘divine,’ ‘reborn’ and ‘hope’... You have to see it to believe it.”

—Christine Wailewska, Goddess of Cello, watched Shen Yun 5 times
A Lost Civilization—Revived

YOU CANNOT SEE the genuine Chinese culture that Shen Yun presents anywhere else, not even in China. After decades of persecution under communist rule, traditional culture has been almost completely destroyed there. But in 2006, a group of elite Chinese artists—some who escaped persecution themselves—came together in New York united by a mission: to revive traditional culture and share it with the world. Thriving in the environment of artistic freedom, they have brought this majestic culture back from the brink of extinction.

SHEN YUN presents on stage the ideals of loyalty, humility, compassion, tolerance—all that is beautiful and good—in a masterful and moving theatrical experience. The performance’s positive energy brings genuine joy to millions around the world. The very essence of a lost civilization is now revived.

"It has a very important message for the entire world. They are telling the truth."
—Vikki Carr, world-renowned singer, four-time Grammy Award winner

“The message was deep, profound, broad, and all-inclusive, not even a cell of arrogance, and yet at the same time you could see the strength... It’s so highly cultured, so deeply artistic, so born of the spirit of the people.”
—Dr. Obadiah Harris, president of the Philosophic Research Society of LA

“This is the ultimate performance. I felt like I was in heaven. If people watch this production, their inner souls will be purified. This really is a performance for the very fortunate.”
—Choi Yun Xi, Korean President Award-winning dancer

“The 8th wonder of the world. People have no idea what they’re missing until they come here and see the show.”
—Joe Heard, former White House photographer, watched Shen Yun 6 times

Shen Yun has only been around for a decade, but these days, wherever it goes theaters are packed. Some people fly from other countries or drive hundreds of miles to see it. Others see the same show five or six times. Why? Many say there are no words to describe it—you have to see it with your own eyes.
Packed theaters around the world

The 30-country tour, sold-out shows and standing ovations at the world’s top venues have made Shen Yun a global phenomenon.

Deeply touched audiences
"I just wish there is a way that I could cry out to mankind, they owe it to themselves to experience Shen Yun."

—Jim CnJI, veteran producer, watched Shen Yun 4 times

Amaze Your Loved Ones with an Extraordinary Experience!

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Apr 10, Tue 7:30pm
Apr 11, Wed 1:30pm
Apr 12, Thu 7:30pm
Apr 13, Fri 7:30pm
Apr 14, Sat 1:30pm & 7:30pm
Apr 15, Sun 1:00pm

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"5,000 years... in one night!" — The New York Times